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# Differentiating Elementary Mathematics through Cognitively Guided Instruction

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**SELF-ASSESSMENT: A Journey of Change**

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## Greetings & Introductions

- Name
- School/District
- Position



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## Greetings & Introductions

**Math Talk : Would you rather be the number five or the number eight? Why?**


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## Today's Overview

- Differentiating Word Problems
  - What is Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI)?
  - CGI addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division word problem structures
  - Overview of Student Strategies
  - CGI Classroom Teaching Structure

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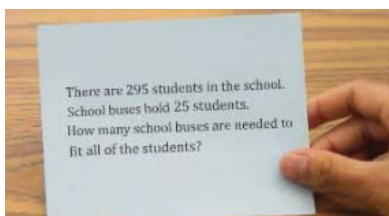
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## Instruction Through Word Problems



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## Avoiding Key Words

- Key words are misleading.
- Many problems have no key words.
- The key word strategy sends a terribly wrong message about doing mathematics.

**A sense making strategy will *always* work.**

Van de Walle & Lovin (2006)

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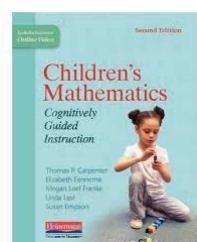
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## Instead, Cognitively Guided Instruction

Meaningful instruction through word problems.



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## What is CGI?

- A framework for uncovering and instructing around students' ideas for solving problems.
- A variety of word problem structures teachers can use to meet all learners needs.
- An instructional style built around the belief that all students come to school with informal math knowledge and strategies and it is our job to elicit and respond.



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## CGI Research Has Shown...

- Children have intuitive abilities for solving math problems.
- Children develop mathematical understanding and acquire fluency by solving a variety of problems in **any way that they choose**.
- Children learn more advanced computational and problem solving strategies by watching and listening to how their classmates solve problems.



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## Isabella's Thinking

### What grade level might use these problems?

- Tad had 15 lady bugs. He puts 3 ladybugs in each jar. How many jars did Tad put lady bugs in?
- Mr. Gomez has 20 cupcakes. He puts the cupcakes into 4 boxes so that there are the same number of cupcakes in each box. How many cupcakes did Mr. Gomez put in each box?
- 19 children are taking a mini bus to the zoo. They will have to sit 2 or 3 to a seat. The bus has 7 seats. How many children will sit 2 to a seat and how many children have to sit 3 to a seat?

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## Isabella's Thinking

### Solve this problem.

- 19 children are taking a mini bus to the zoo. They will have to sit 2 or 3 to a seat. The bus has 7 seats. How many children will sit 2 to a seat and how many children have to sit 3 to a seat?

### Discuss your strategies with an elbow partner.



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## Isabella's Thinking

As you watch, make note of:

- Isabella's strategies
- Teacher's strategies



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## Reactions

What stood out about Isabella?

What stood out about the Teacher's moves?

- What question would you ask Isabella next?

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## Take Note

- Reading instruction isn't taking the place of or getting in the way of the math. There's a time for reading, it may not be now.
- If a child is stuck, your first step is to repeat the problem. Give the think time instead of assuming they need help.

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### Let's Watch One More

- Student in local elementary school.
- What does this student appear to be doing?



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### Let's Watch One More



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### Video Debrief

- What would you ask next?



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### All Children Are Capable!

- Children come into our math classrooms with a variety of ways to solve problems before we ever teach them.
- All children can make sense of math problems if we give them the time and tools to do so.



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### Strategic Problem Choice: Which Problem is More Difficult?

- There are some birds in a tree. 6 flew away and now there are 8. How many birds were there to start?

OR

- 14 birds were in a tree. 6 flew away. How many birds were left?

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### Strategic Problem Choice

- Three parts to a typical addition/subtraction problem:
  - Start ----->Change----->Result

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**CGI Problem Types and Problem Sophistication**  
  
pg. 14 of book

Action	Join	(Result Unknown) Connie had 5 marbles. Juan gave her 8 more marbles. How many marbles does Connie have all together?	(Change Unknown) Connie has 5 marbles. How many more marbles does she need to have 13 marbles all together?	(Start Unknown) Connie had some marbles. Juan gave her 8 more marbles. Now she has 13 marbles. How many marbles did Connie have to start with?
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**ACTION (explicit or implied): JOIN**

<b>JOIN RESULT UNKNOWN (JRU)</b>  Anna has 8 fish. She wants to buy 5 more fish. How many fish would Anna have then?	<b>JOIN CHANGE UNKNOWN (JCU)</b>  Anna has 8 fish. How many more does she have to buy to have 13 fish?	<b>JOIN START UNKNOWN (JSU)</b>  <div></div>
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**ACTION (explicit or implied): SEPARATE**

<b>SEPARATE RESULT UNKNOWN (SRU)</b>  11 children were playing in the sandbox. 8 children left. How many are in the sandbox now?	<b>SEPARATE CHANGE UNKNOWN (SCU)</b>  11 children were playing in the sandbox. Some children left. There are 3 children still playing in the sandbox. How many children left?	<b>SEPARATE START UNKNOWN (SSU)</b>  <div></div>
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**NO ACTION: COMPARE**

A relationship exists among values.

Difference between is Unknown	Quantity Unknown (Looking for larger amount)	Referent Unknown (Looking for smaller amount)
CDU	CQU	CRU
Jalin has 12 nickels. Lily has 7 nickels. How many more nickels does Jalin have than Lily?	Lily has 7 nickels. Jalin has 5 more nickels than Lily. How many nickels does Jalin have?	Jalin has 12 nickels. He has 5 more nickels than Lily. How many nickels does Lily have?

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**NO ACTION: PART-PART-WHOLE**

A relationship exists among values.

Whole Unknown	Part Unknown
PPW-WU	PPW-PU
TJ has 8 red apples and 5 green apples. How many apples does he have?	TJ has 13 apples. 8 are red and the rest are green. How many green apples does he have?

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**MULTIPLICATION AND DIVISION**

Multiplication (How many in all?)	Partitive Division (How many are in each group?)	Measurement Division (How many groups are needed?)
Katrina has 5 boxes of cupcakes. In each box there are 4 cupcakes. How many cupcakes does she have in all?	Karina had 20 cupcakes. She put them into 5 boxes so that there was the same number of cupcakes in each box. How many cupcakes did Karina put in each box?	Karina had 20 cupcakes. She puts them into boxes. Each box holds 4 cupcakes. How many boxes does she need?

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## Strategic Problem Choice

- The structure of a problem determines how challenging it is for children to solve and influences their strategies.
- Number choices also determine problem challenge level.


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The Problem Types and Problem Sophistication

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**CGI Full Chart**

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- In CGI problems, you can change the **NUMBERS** and/or **CONTEXT**.
- If a new type of problem is used, consider keeping the numbers familiar.
- If new numbers are being introduced, the problem type should be familiar.

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## Removing the Numbers

- Connie had \_\_\_\_ marbles and Juan gave her \_\_\_\_ more marbles. How many marbles does Connie have now?

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## Varying Difficulty Within Problems

- Connie had \_\_\_\_ marbles and Juan gave her \_\_\_\_ more marbles. How many marbles does Connie have now?

(5, 3)      (3, 5)      (8, 4)

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## Writing Our Own

- Use the CGI problem handout
- Write your own problems in your blank chart that are **relevant to your class/grade level**.

Engage students by:

- Using their names
- Using a context they all know such as a read aloud book, the classroom, neighborhood, etc.

C G I  P R O B L E M S	Result unknown	Change unknown	Start unknown
	Result unknown	Change unknown	Start unknown
	Whole unknown		Part unknown
	Difference unknown	Compare quantity unknown	Referent unknown
Multi-Step	Multiplication	Partitive Division	Measurement Division

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## Where Do I Find More Problems?

- Google search "South Dakota Counts- CGI":
- <https://sdesa.k12.sd.us/esa5/docs/sdcounts/SDCountsMathProblemBooklet.pdf>
- [http://midcentral-coop.org/uploads/CGI%20Problems%20-%20Multiplication Division.pdf](http://midcentral-coop.org/uploads/CGI%20Problems%20-%20Multiplication%20Division.pdf)
- And:  
[http://www.uwosh.edu/coehs/cmagproject/cogn/word\\_prob.htm](http://www.uwosh.edu/coehs/cmagproject/cogn/word_prob.htm)

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## The CGI Classroom Structure

- How do we integrate these word problems into our classroom instruction?

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## The CGI Classroom Structure

- *Phase 1* - Teacher presents a problem to the class
- *Phase 2* - Students spend considerable time working on solutions to the problem.
- *Phase 3* - Selected students share their strategies and thinking.

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## The CGI Classroom Structure

### *Phase 1- Introduction of Problem:*

- Students are given a story problem to solve. Problem can be read several times if needed, or even acted out.
- Differentiated instruction can be utilized to meet the individual needs of each student by changing the numbers within the context.
- Ex: Various numbers choices can be given

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## The CGI Classroom Structure

### *Phase 2- Work-time:*

- Students solve the problem independently without direct instruction from teacher.
- Students use any strategy of their choice.
- If finished, students are encouraged to think of more than one strategy or explain their current strategy with words.

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## In-the-moment Questioning Tips

*During Phase 2 as you are monitoring:*

- Tell me what your drawing represents.
- Where are the \_\_\_\_\_ from the story?
- Is there another way you might solve this problem? Show me.

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## The CGI Classroom Structure

*Phase 3- Share Strategies:*

- 3-5 students are selected to share their solutions and strategies with the class.
- Teacher is purposeful in who she/he chooses to share, may be a solution that moves class thinking along or challenges a misconception.
- Recommended share method is least abstract strategy to most abstract.
- Utilize your Talk Moves during this time to have discussion around strategies.

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## Possible Timing of Day

### •Structure A:

- Warm-Up (15 minutes): A Number Talk
- Mini-Lesson (10 minutes): CGI Problem Introduction
- Work Time (20 minutes): Independent, Partners, or Small Group
- Share Time (15 minutes)

### Structure B: 60 mins

- Warm-Up (20 minutes): A CGI Problem with work-time and share out.
- Your Curriculum Lesson and Work Time (30 minutes)
- Wrap-Up (10 minutes)

**Note: Questioning is integrated throughout all components of your math block!**

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## Reflect

- When might you integrate CGI problem-solving and sharing into your classroom?

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## Thank You!

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
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## CGI Problem Types

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	<b>Grouping</b>	<i>(Multiplication)</i>	<i>(Measurement Division)</i>	<i>(Partitive Division)</i>